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Hon. Dr. W. J. Roche,

Minister of the Interior,

Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

You may remember that in October I called upon you to present to you a request of the Universities of the Dominion that the regulations with regard to the admission of Chinese should be modified so as to permit the entrance of _bonafide_ students coming to Canada without having to pay a poll tax.

I have just received a letter from China from which I take this sentence: "A British business man of Shanghai complained to me lately that Chinese trade was all going to the Americans since the students were all going there. There is no doubt that the remission of the indemnity on the conditions that students should go to America was from a business point of view a very profitable deal."

You will realise I am sure that what this gentleman has said strongly reinforces the other argument that Dr. Adams and I presented to you. I hope that you will find it possible to get the changes made during the present session.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Ottawa, Ontario, January 30th, 1917.

My dear Sir,-

Replying to yours of the 24th., re legislation for the admission of Chinese students to Canada, I beg to say that I have a draft bill prepared for submission to the House, but of course it will not be introduced until after the Premier returns from the Imperial Conference.

Yours faithfully,

W J Roche

President Falconer,
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Ontario.